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Section I

How I Use This Book

The method of claiming Bible promises is summed up in the book "Education," pages 253 and 258.

A--Ask: Matt. 7:7. "For any gift He has promised, we may ask."

B--Believe: Mark 11:22-24. "Then we are to believe that we receive."

C--Claim: John 11:41. Then we are to "return thanks to God that we have received."

Why return thanks that we have received? Because:

1. The word of God is seed. Luke 8:11.

2. The seed contains not merely the component elements of the tree, but the tree itself. "The oak is in the acorn."--"Education," p. 253.

Rutherford Platt, a prize-winner in science, states in his book "This Green World," that a trunk, two leaves and roots are already contained in the embryo of the seed, and that with a powerful magnifying glass they could be seen.

3. Therefore, "If we receive the promise, we have the gift."--"Education," p. 253.

"The gift is in the promise."--Id., p. 258.

"One sentence of Scripture is of more value than ten thousand of man's ideas or arguments."--"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 71.

So--

"With your Bible in your hands say, 'I have done as Thou hast said. I present Thy promise.'"--"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 146. Remember, the condition to victory is to Ask, Believe, and Claim by receiving. So, take the book of promises right in your hands as you pray.

Then--

Do as Augustine's mother did.
"She laid her finger upon the texts,
presenting before God His own words,
and pleaded as only a mother can.
. . . and the Lord gave her the desire of her heart."--"Testimonies,"
Vol. 5, pp. 322, 323.

You and I--

though utterly unworthy, may do the same. We may place our fingers right on the promise of a living, true, almighty, wise, loving, and willing God. Then we are to tell Him--there on our knees--that WE BELIEVE, and HAVE RECEIVED the gift promised. We can tell Him we know we shall realize the fulfillment when we need it most. But now we accept it by simple, living faith.

Arising--

from our knees we may continue, in our hearts, asking, believing and claiming exultantly what God has promised--

If--

we are but willing to conform to the conditions: "That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee." Prov. 22:19.

Notes

Limited space has necessitated, in many instances, the quoting of portions of verses only. For further study we suggest turning to the passage and reading the verse in full along with the context.

All emphasis in the quotations is our own.

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Promise

Living God

Problem

Dear Lord, in these days when people are claiming Thou art dead, I need a promise of a living God.

Promise

"But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, . . . Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens." Jer. 10:10, 11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, Thou hast said, "He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion." (Jer. 10:12)

Problem

Dear Lord, is every one of Thy promises true and certain?

Promise

"All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." 2 Cor. 1:20.

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Num. 23:19.

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." Ps. 89:34.

"Ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one

thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof." Josh. 23:14.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35.

"I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it." Isa. 46:11.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness." 2 Peter 3:9.

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Ps. 119:89.

"That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." Heb. 6:18.

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Titus 1:2.

"The Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent." 1 Samuel 15:29.

"The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." Isaiah 54:10.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "Thy faithfulness is unto all generations." Ps. 119:90.

That "He is faithful that promised." Heb. 10:23

And that "Thy word is true from the beginning." Ps. 119:160.

So "Lord, I believe." Mark 9:24.

And "I thank thee that thou hast heard me." John 11:41

"I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications." (Ps. 116:1)

Promise

Almighty God

Problem

Dear Lord, many people make promises, but are not able to keep them. Is there anything too hard for Thee?

Promise

"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." Luke 18:27.

"For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37.

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18.

"And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform." Rom. 4:21.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I am so thankful that "there is nothing too hard for thee." (Jer. 32:17)

Promise

Wise God

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that Thou art also wise enough to solve my problems.

Promise

"The foolishness of God is wiser than men." 1 Cor. 1:25.

"God . . . in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Col. 2:2, 3.

Prayer

Father, I thank Thee that "The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew." (Prov. 3:19, 20)

Promise

Loving God

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that Thou dost love me enough to come to my rescue.

Promise

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." Jer. 31:3.

Prayer

Lord, I exclaim with the Psalmist: "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!" (Ps. 139:17)

Promise

Willing God

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that Thou art absolutely and utterly willing to help me.

Promise

"Ask, and it shall be given you; . . . If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" Matt. 7:7, 11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast told us in Thy Word, "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." (2 Chron. 16:9)

Promise

For Me

Problem

Dear Lord, are these promises made thousands of years ago, for me personally, in Christ?

Promise

"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:39.

"I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." Isa. 43:1.

"For every one that asketh receiveth." Matt. 7:8.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast given us the assurance that Thou hast "commanded" Thy "word"

Promise

For Me

"to a thousand generations." Ps. 105:8.

And I thank Thee that Thou hast said, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3:29.

I also thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast said, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Eph. 1:3.

Lord, "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." (Ps. 141:2)

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Condition

Faith

Problem

Dear Lord, I need faith. How can I get it? I need a promise.

Promise

"The fruit of the Spirit is . . . faith." Gal. 5:22.

"Ask, and it shall be given you." Matt. 7:7.

"God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Rom. 12:3.

Prayer

I am thankful, Lord, that Thou art answering my need and my plea for faith. I know Thou art doing for me as did the friend of the story told in Luke, chapter 11: "He will rise and give him as many [or, as much] as he needeth." (Verse 8)

Condition

Cherished Sin

Problem

Dear Lord, Thou hast said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." (Ps. 66:18) Wilt Thou give me power to repent of and forsake all cherished sin?

Promise

"Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance." Acts 5:31.

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18.

"Ask, and it shall be given you." Matt. 7:7.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for this promise, and by faith I accept it, and cry out: "I hate every false way." (Ps. 119:128)

Condition

Persistence

Problem

Dear Lord, Thou hast made persistence a condition to answered prayer. (Luke 18:7) Wilt Thou please give this to me?

Promise

"Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee." Ps. 84:5.

"One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you." Josh. 23:10.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for this promise, and like Jacob, I reverently persist, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." (Gen. 32:26)

Problem

Dear Lord, I lack diligence. Please stir me up until I become like the woman who lost the coin. She did "seek diligently until she find it". Luke 15:8.

Promise

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." Prov. 22:29.

"Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace." 2 Peter 3:14.

"For it is God which worketh in you." Phil. 2:13.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for this promise: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13)

Problem

Dear Lord, I read in Thy Word that, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." (Prov. 28:9) Wilt Thou grant me obedience so that my prayers can be answered?

Promise

"I will give them an heart to know me." Jer. 24:7.

"And I will . . . cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Eze. 36:27.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee, that "whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." (1 John 3:22)

Condition

In Christ

Problem

Dear Lord, I do not deserve answers to prayer; for "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." (Isa. 64:6) Wilt Thou give me the merits of Jesus?

Promise

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." John 16:23.

Prayer

Lord, I thank Thee, that "he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness", "to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." (Isa. 61:10; Eph. 1:6)

Condition

Unselfish

Problem

Dear Lord, I am told that selfishness precludes answers to prayer. (James 4:3) Art Thou willing to change my selfish spirit?

Promise

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." Eze. 36:26.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for this promise, and I accept this "new heart" and receive this "new spirit" in Jesus; and do as Thou hast said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." (Matt. 10:8)

Problem

Dear Lord, I fear I have rationalized sin (Jer. 7:9,10,16) and presumptuously expected Thee to answer my prayers. Is there any hope for me?

Promise

"Manasseh . . . did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, . . . And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly . . . and he [God] . . . heard." 2 Chron. 33:1, 2, 12, 13.

Prayer

"O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great." And "I thank thee that thou hast heard me." (Ps. 25:11; John 11:41)

Problem

Dear Lord, I know that a critical spirit cancels out answers to prayer. (Isa. 58:9) Wilt Thou take from me this condemning spirit?

Promise

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that this means that once I am really in Christ, I will not condemn because I myself am no longer under condemnation. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17)

Problem

Dear Lord, I know that family dissensions will cancel out answers to prayer (1 Peter 3:6-9), and I know that I need a new spirit to bring in harmony. Canst Thou give this to me?

Promise

"A new spirit will I put within you: . . . I will put my spirit within you." Eze. 36:26, 27.

"Let us love one another: for love is of God." 1 John 4:7.

Prayer

I thank Thee, dear Lord, for giving me of Thy Spirit. And now, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." (Ps. 19:14)

Problem

Dear Lord, Thou hast said that a "holier-than-thou" attitude on my part makes Thee angry. (Isa. 65:5,3) Canst Thou give me a humble spirit?

Promise

"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee . . . to humble thee." Deut. 8:2.

"For I say, . . . to every man . . . not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think." Rom. 12:3.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast heard me, and hast fulfilled Thy promise "thou shalt enlarge my heart" so that I can "honour all men", and "esteem other better than" myself. (Ps. 119:32; 1 Pet. 2:17; Phil. 2:3)

Problem

Dear Lord, I notice that to some promises there are especially attached conditions. I would not be able to fulfill these without Thine aid. Is there a promise to help me?

Promise

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9.

Prayer

Now, dear Lord, with thanksgiving I can say, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly [for me] above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." (Eph. 3:20)

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Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know "how should man be just with God?" (Job 9:2)

Promise

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, Thou hast said, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile." (Ps. 32:1, 2)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for faith; for I know that "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Rom. 14:23) And that "without faith it is impossible to please him." (Heb. 11:6)

Promise

"The fruit of the Spirit is . . . faith." Gal. 5:22.

"Faith cometh by hearing . . . the word of God." Rom. 10:17.

"God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Rom. 12:3.

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

Prayer

Dear "Lord, increase our faith," "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." (Luke 17:5; Mark 9:24)

Promise

For Salvation
of Children

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of salvation for my children.

Promise

"I will save thy children."
Isa. 49:25.

"And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border." Jer. 31:16, 17.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I give Thee thanks that Thou hast said: "I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart." (Jer. 24:7)

Promise

Fear

Problem

Dear Lord, I am fearful, and I need a promise.

Promise

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." 1 John 4:18.

"I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Ps. 34:4.

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Isa. 41:13.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." (Ps. 23:4)

Problem

Dear Lord, Thou hast said, "These things write I unto you, that ye sin not." (1 John 2:1) What if I sin?

Promise

"And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1 John 2:1.

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love." John 15:10.

Prayer

Lord, I thank Thee that Thou hast promised: "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

Problem

Dear Lord, "Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?" (Ps. 77:8) I need a promise for forgiveness.

Promise

"Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give . . . forgiveness of sins." Acts 5:31.

"Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven." Luke 6:37.

"Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering." Ps. 86:15.

Prayer

Lord, I thank Thee that "there is forgiveness with thee." (Ps. 130:4)

Promise

Guilt

Problem

Dear Lord, I feel like Joshua the high priest, standing before the angel "clothed with filthy garments." (Zech. 3:1-3) I need a promise.

Promise

"Take away the filthy garments from him. . . . Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." Zech. 3:4.

Prayer

Lord, "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy." (Micah 7:18)

Promise

Hatred for Sin

Problem

Dear Lord, "the evil which I would not, that I do." (Rom. 7:19) I need hatred for sin. Canst Thou give this to me?

Promise

"Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." Ps. 97:10.

"Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." Rom. 12:9.

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed." Gen. 3:15.

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2:13.

Prayer

Lord, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Ps. 119:103)

Problem

Dear Lord, I know "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Rom. 8:9) I need a promise for the Holy Spirit.

Promise

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Luke 11:13.

"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, [the Holy Spirit] that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth." John 14:16, 17.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for this promise, and I pray "take not thy holy spirit from me." (Ps. 51:11)

Problem

Dear Lord, we have been "strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world." (Eph. 2:12) I need a promise to give me hope.

Promise

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Titus 1:2.

"For we are saved by hope." Rom. 8:24.

"Hope maketh not ashamed." Rom. 5:5.

Prayer

"For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth." "And let me not be ashamed of my hope." (Ps. 71:5; 119:116)

Promise

Inferiority

Problem

I feel "I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people." (Ps. 22:6) I need a promise of assurance.

Promise

"Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel." Isa. 41:14.

"Thou wast precious in my sight, . . . honourable." Isa. 43:4.

"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath." Deut. 28:13.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "now are we the sons of God." (1 John 3:2)

Promise

Love

Problem

Dear Lord, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity." (Heb. 1:9) "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8) I need a promise that I can have this kind of love for others.

Promise

"The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Rom. 5:5.

"I in them, and thou in me." John 17:23.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (1 John 3:14)

Promise

New Heart

Problem

Dear Lord, I know "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." I need to know how "can a man be born when he is old?" John 3:3, 4.

Promise

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12, 13.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God." 1 Pet. 1:23.

Prayer

"Create in me a clean heart, O God." (Ps. 51:10)

Promise

Needs---All

Problem

Dear Lord, I need an overall promise for all my needs.

Promise

"For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow." Matt. 6:8, 33, 34.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "every one that asketh receiveth." (Matt. 7:8)

Promise

Need--Every

Problem

Dear Lord, I know "the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Ps. 24:1) I need to know that this abundance is available to me.

Promise

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for this all-inclusive promise, and that Thou hast said, "All are yours; and ye are Christ's." (1 Cor. 3:22, 23)

Promise

Repentance

Problem

"Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him." (Job 23:8)
Dear Lord, I cannot repent unless Thou dost give me repentance.

Promise

"Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance." Acts 5:31.

"The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance". Rom. 2:4.

"It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2:13.

Prayer

Lord, "Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously." (Hosea 14:2)

Promise

Salvation

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of salvation.

Promise

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

"And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life." 1 John 2:25.

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "as for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me." (Ps. 55:16)

Promise

A Song in the Night

Problem

Dear Lord, "I call to remembrance my song in the night." (Ps. 77:6)
"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." (Ps. 51:12) I need a promise.

Promise

"God [is] my maker, who giveth songs in the night." Job 35:10.

"Ye shall have a song, as in the night." Isa. 30:29.

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Ps. 16:11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast "put a new song in my mouth." (Ps. 40:3)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to use to save souls.

Promise

"The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9.

"If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life." 1 John 5:16.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: . . . and . . . we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." (1 John 5:14, 15)

Problem

Dear Lord, "I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I." Rom. 7:14, 15.

Promise

"Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory." 1 Chron. 29:11.

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

Prayer

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57)

Problem

Dear Lord, since Jesus "is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:" (1 Cor. 1:30) wilt Thou give me these for the asking?

Promise

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5.

"Ask, and it shall be given you." Matt. 7:7.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." (Ps. 73:24)

Section V

P R O M I S E S

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Problem

Dear Lord, Thou hast said; "Fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking fire-brands." (Isa. 7:4) I know this promise was made concerning fears on the earth. Can I also use this promise for fears in the sky?

Promise

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Ps. 34:7.

"Thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee." Jer. 1:7.

Prayer

Lord, "Who are these that fly as a cloud . . . ? Surely the isles shall wait for me, . . . to bring my sons from far." (Isa. 60:8)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to keep me safe from all fear.

Promise

"I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Ps. 34:4.

"I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." Ps. 23:4.

"Fear ye not, neither be afraid." Isa. 44:8.

Prayer

"This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." (Ps. 34:6)

Fear

Alone

Problem

Dear Lord, I am afraid to stay alone at night.

Promise

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night." Ps. 91:5.

"The day is thine, the night also is thine." Ps. 74:16.

"The darkness and the light are both alike to thee." Ps. 139:12.

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not." Isa. 41:13.

Prayer

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." "I laid me down and slept; . . . I will not be afraid." (Ps. 4:8; 3:5, 6)

Fear

Automobile

Problem

Dear Lord, I am afraid of the automobiles that "rage in the streets," and "jostle one against another in the broad ways:" and that "run like the lightnings." (Nahum 2:4) I need a promise.

Promise

"Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant. . . . ? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." Isa. 50:10.

"There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not." Acts 27:23, 24.

Prayer

"In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid." (Ps. 56:11)

Fear

Bombs

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for a shelter from bombs.

Promise

"For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings." Ps. 61:3, 4.

"For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me." Ps. 27:5.

Prayer

"Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance." (Ps. 32:7)

Fear

Death

Problem

Dear Lord, "Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death." (Ps. 13:3)

Promise

"Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth." Jer. 33:6.

"Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling." Ps. 116:7, 8.

Prayer

"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." (Ps. 118:17)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that the one who comes, claiming to be my departed friend is not he, but is the devil.

Promise

"The dead know not anything."
Eccl. 9:5.

"He shall return no more to his house." Job 7:10.

"Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that through Thy power I can now say, "Get thee hence Satan." (Matt. 4:10)

Problem

Dear Lord, I am afraid of epidemics. I need a promise.

Promise

"And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee." Deut. 7:15.

"Thou shalt not be afraid . . . for the pestilence that walketh in darkness." "Surely he shall deliver thee." Ps. 91:5, 6, 3.

Prayer

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation." (Isa. 12:2)

Fear

Evil Spirits

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to overcome pestering spirits.

Promise

"There came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: . . . And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him." Matt. 17:14-18.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils." Mark 16:17.

Prayer

Dear "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." (Luke 10:17)

Fear

Evil Tidings

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to prepare me for bad news.

Promise

"He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord." Ps. 112:7.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3.

Prayer

"O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. . . . That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me." (Ps. 108:1,6)

Fear

Failure

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for I am afraid of failure.

Promise

"Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. . . . fear not, neither be dismayed." Deut. 31:6, 8.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Ps. 37:5.

Prayer

Dear Father, I thank Thee that "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" (Ps. 118:6)

Fear

Falling

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise, for I am afraid of falling.

Promise

"He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber." Ps. 121:3.

"I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa. 41:10.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling." Jude 24.

Prayer

I thank Thee, dear Lord, that "My foot standeth in an even place." (Ps. 26:12)

Fear

Finances

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that my financial needs shall be supplied.

Promise

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes." Mal. 3:10, 11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for this promise; but "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me; but verily God hath heard me." (Ps. 66:18)

Fear

Floods, etc.

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise when I think of "the sea and the waves roaring." Luke 21:25.

Promise

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." Isa. 43:2.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, . . . though the waters thereof roar and be troubled." Ps. 46:1-3.

Prayer

I thank Thee, God, "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." (Ps. 46:11)

Fear

Hunger

Problem

Lord, I have a fear of unsatisfied hunger. I need a promise.

Promise

"The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season." Ps. 145:15.

"Which giveth food to the hungry." Ps. 146:7.

"He hath filled the hungry with good things." Luke 1:53.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast said, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." (Ps. 37:3)

Fear

Illness

Problem

Dear Lord, I am afraid I cannot bear up under illness.

Promise

"The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." Ps. 41:3.

"Come unto me, . . . and I will give thee rest." Matt. 11:28.

"He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee." 2 Cor. 12:9.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that nothing "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38, 39)

Fear

Injury

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of protection against injury by an enemy.

Promise

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn." Isa. 54:17.

"Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish." Isa. 41:11.

Prayer

Lord, "Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort." (Ps. 71:3)

Fear

Infatuated Mate

Problem

Dear Lord, "They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold." (Ps. 59:4)

Promise

"I will put enmity." Gen. 3:15.

"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will." Prov. 21:1.

They "shall come again to their own border." Jer. 31:17.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for this promise and that Thou hast "turned their heart to hate" this ungodly infatuation. (Ps. 105:25)

Problem

Dear Lord, I fear I shall lose my mind. I need a promise.

Promise

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3.

"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." Prov. 16:3.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise, for I am afraid of even "the sound of a shaken leaf." (Lev. 26:36)

Promise

"Fear none of those things." Rev. 2:10.

"Be not afraid of sudden fear." Prov. 3:25.

"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him." Ps. 91:15.

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isa. 30:15.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "I, as a deaf man, heard not." So, "I will fear no evil." (Ps. 38:13; 23:4)

Fear

Old Age

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that Thou wilt "cast me not off in the time of old age;" or "forsake me . . . when my strength faileth." "Now also when I am old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not." Ps. 71:9, 18.

Promise

"Even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and I will deliver you." Isa. 46:4.

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end." (Ps. 102:27)

Fear

Poverty

Problem

Dear Lord, "give me neither poverty nor riches;" (Prov. 30:8) but I need a promise that I shall not come to want.

Promise

"For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth: the poor also, and him that hath no helper." Ps. 72:12.

"They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Ps. 34:10.

"The upright shall have good things in possession." Prov. 28:10.

Prayer

Father, I thank Thee that, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Ps. 23:1)

Fear

Reaping

Problem

Dear Lord, I am afraid I won't have the courage to face up to reaping my own wild oats. I need a promise.

Promise

"If they shall confess their iniquity, . . . I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the Lord their God." Lev. 26:40, 44.

"I will help thee." Isa. 41:13.

Prayer

Lord, "Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?" "God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid." (Ps. 49:5; Isa. 12:2)

Fear

Stormy Sea

Problem

"Master, carest thou not that we perish?" (Mark 4:38) I need a promise.

Promise

"And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." Mark 4:39.

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." Isa. 43:2.

Prayer

"For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not." (Acts 17:23, 24)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that my thirst shall be satisfied.

Promise

"When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water." Isa. 41:17, 18.

"The Lord shall . . . satisfy thy soul in drought." Isa. 58:11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, I believe Thy promise: "His waters shall be sure." (Isa. 33:16)

Problem

Dear Lord, slanderous tongues worry me, and I cry, "Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue." (Ps. 52:4) Please, Lord, "Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked;" (Ps. 64:2) and give me a comforting promise.

Promise

"Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues." Ps. 31:20.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee that now I believe Thy promise; "Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue." (Job 5:21)

Fear

Too Many

Problem

Dear "Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! . . . Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God." (Ps. 3:1,2)

Promise

"If thou shalt say in thine heart, These . . . are more than I; . . . Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; . . . so shall the Lord thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid." Deut. 7:17-19.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31)

Section VI

P R O M I S E S

for

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Appetite

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to control my over-eating appetite.

Promise

"Blessed art thou, O land, when . . . thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!" Eccl. 10:17.

"The meek shall eat and be satisfied." Ps. 22:26.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, . . . do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast helped me to: "eat so much as is sufficient for thee." (Prov. 25:16)

Students, etc.

Associates

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to be true to Thee in the midst of evil-minded and vile-tongued associates.

Promise

"God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13.

"I . . . will keep thee from the hour of temptation." Rev. 3:10.

Prayer

Lord, "Therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." (Isa. 50:7)

Students, etc.

Backsliding

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for forgiveness and victory over backsliding.

Promise

"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him." Hosea 14:4.

"Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3:7.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast "remembered us in our low estate:" and "thou wilt revive me." (Ps. 136:23; 138:7)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to overcome bitterness.

Promise

"I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." Eze. 36:26.

"Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: . . . Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12:20, 21.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast fulfilled Thy promise and art helping me to not "bear any grudge against the children of thy people." (Lev. 19:18)

Problem

Dear Lord, I tell people what to do when they do not ask me to. And if they venture to ask, I can't unwind. I need a promise for help.

Promise

"I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." Ex. 4:12.

"A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" Prov. 15:23.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Prov. 25:11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast "set a watch, . . . before my mouth." (Ps. 141:3)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for my business success.

Promise

"And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand." Deut. 30: 8, 9.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, . . . whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Ps. 1:1, 3.

Prayer

Help me, Lord, to be "not slothful in business;" but "fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." (Rom. 12:11)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to keep from cheating in my school lessons and examinations.

Promise

"I . . . will keep thee from the hour of temptation." Rev. 3:10.

"Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee." Prov. 4:25.

"The Comforter, . . . shall . . . bring all things to your remembrance." John 14:26.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that I can claim Thy promise: "Blessed is the man . . . in whose spirit there is no guile." (Ps. 32:2)

Students, etc.

Christlikeness

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that Thou wilt make me Christlike.

Promise

"We shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 John 3:2, 3.

"We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image." 2 Cor. 3:18.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I claim Thy promise: "I will dwell in them, and walk in them." (2 Cor. 6:16)

Students, etc.

Deliverance

Problem

I am in physical danger, Lord, and need a promise of deliverance.

Promise

"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Ps. 50:15.

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Ps. 34:7.

"To him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." Ps. 50:23.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for the assurance that "thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance." (Ps. 32:7)

Problem

Dear Lord, I know I must "speak" "the truth in" my "heart"; and that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (Ps. 15:2; Matt. 12:34) I need a promise to overcome exaggeration.

Promise

"How forcible are right words!" Job 6:25.

"They love him that speaketh right." Prov. 16:13.

"I will be with thy mouth." Ex. 4:12.

"I will teach you the good and the right way." 1 Sam. 12:23.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress." (Ps. 17:3)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that I can excel in all I do.

Promise

"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God." Deut. 28:13.

"God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom." Dan. 1:17.

Prayer

Lord, I humbly say, "I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation." (Ps. 119:99)

Students, etc.

Faith

Problem

Dear Lord, my faith is weak. I need a promise to strengthen it.

Promise

"God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Rom. 12:3.

"And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." Luke 1:45.

Prayer

"Lord, I believe." "Be it unto me according to thy word." (Mark 9:24; Luke 1:38) I will review carefully the list of all the worthies of old (Hebrews, chapter 11) "who through faith . . . obtained promises." (Verse 33)

Students, etc.

Faithful

Problem

Dear Lord, can I be very sure Thou wilt keep Thy promise?

Promise

"Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth." Isa. 25:1.

"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." 2 Tim. 2:13.

"Great is thy faithfulness." Lam. 3:23.

"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established." 2 Chron. 20:20.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I believe "he is faithful that promised." (Heb. 10.23)

Students, etc.

Fear

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to overcome fear.

Promise

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Isa. 41:13.

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

Prayer

Dear Lord, through faith I can say, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." (Ps. 27:1; 56:3)

Students, etc.

Forgiveness

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of forgiveness.

Promise

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

"Her iniquity is pardoned." Isa. 40:2.

"Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven." Luke 6:37.

Prayer

Lord, "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity...? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy." (Micah 7:18)

Students, etc.

Fornication

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to be kept from adultery and fornication.

Promise

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13.

Prayer

Lord, I hear Thee saying, "Flee fornication. . . . know ye not that ye . . . are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor. 6:18-20)

Students, etc.

Forsaken

Problem

Dear Lord, my parents have forsaken me because I have chosen to serve Thee. I need a promise that Thou wilt "forsake me not." (Ps. 119:8)

Promise

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." Ps. 27:10.

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "as for me, I will walk in mine integrity." "I will keep thy statutes." "I will run the way of thy commandments." (Ps. 26:11; 119:8, 32)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to be able to make and keep friends.

Promise

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Prov. 18:24.

"Speak evil of no man." Titus 3:2.

"A friend loveth at all times." Prov. 17:17.

"He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends." Prov. 17:9.

Prayer

Lord, Thou hast told us, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 15:14)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for guidance in a decision I must make.

Promise

"The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way." Ps. 25:9.

"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil." Prov. 3:7.

"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." Ps. 73:24.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I claim Thy promise: "The Lord shall guide thee continually." And I thank Thee for it. (Isa. 58:11)

Students, etc.

Bad Habits

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for overcoming a bad habit.

Promise

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Heb. 2:14, 15.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

Prayer

Lord, "I will walk at liberty; for I seek thy precepts." (Ps. 119:45)

Students, etc.

Very Bad Habit

Problem

Dear Lord, "I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jer. 10:23) I need victory over a very bad habit.

Promise

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

"The prey of the terrible shall be delivered." Isa. 49:25.

Prayer

"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed." "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded." (Ps. 31:1; Isa. 50:7)

Students, etc.

Health

Problem

Dear Lord of life, I need a promise for health, so I can carry on.

Promise

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Prov. 17:22.

"The tongue of the wise is health." Prov. 12:18.

Prayer

"Verily God hath heard me."
(Ps. 66:19)

Students, etc.

Incompatibility

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to help me to get along with others.

Promise

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath." Prov. 15:1.

"Not rendering evil for evil."
1 Peter 3:9.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another . . . in honour preferring one another." Rom. 12:10.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I pray "let not any iniquity have dominion over me."
(Ps. 119:133)

Students, etc.

Infatuation

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for sex infatuation.

Promise

"I will put enmity." Gen. 3:15.

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil." Prov. 8:13.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11.

"For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken." Prov. 3:26.

Prayer

"Therefore", dear Father, "I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way." (Ps. 119:128)

Students, etc.

Judging

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to keep me from judging the motives of others.

Promise

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." 1 Cor. 11:31.

"Thou that judgest doest the same things." Rom. 2:1.

"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye." Matt. 7:5.

Prayer

Dear Lord, my prayer is, "Let us not therefore judge one another any more." (Rom. 14:13)

Students, etc.

To Learn

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to be able to learn.

Promise

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels." Prov. 1:5.

"The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, . . . he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned." Isa. 50:4.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "with God nothing shall be impossible."
"Then shall I not be ashamed, . . . when I shall have learned." (Luke 1:37; Ps. 119:6, 7)

Students, etc.

Life--Eternal

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of assurance of eternal life.

Promise

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32.

Prayer

Dear Father, I thank Thee that "this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life," "through Jesus Christ our Lord."
(1 John 2:25; Rom. 6:23)

Students, etc.

Life--New

Problem

Dear Lord, are there definite advantages in claiming Bible promises? I feel I need a new life.

Promise

"Ye must be born again." John 3:7.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Peter 1:23.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2:2.

Prayer

Lord, "by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer." (Ps. 17:4)

Students, etc.

Fleshly Lusts

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of Thy power to give victory over fleshly lusts and secret vice.

Promise

"For sin shall not have dominion over you." Rom. 6:14.

"And thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I am determined "through the grace given unto me," to "keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away." (Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 9:27)

Students, etc. Lusts--Leading to

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to be kept from doing those things which lead to fleshly lusts.

Promise

"Keep thy heart with all diligence." Prov. 4:23.

"Go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." Prov. 4:14,15.

"Look unto me, and be ye saved." Isa. 45:22.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I choose to "destroy all their pictures" that are not pure; and to burn ungodly books. (Num. 33:52; Acts 19:19,20) (Read also Job 31:1)

Students, etc.

Mate

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to find a good mate.

Promise

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord." Prov. 18:22.

"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11.

"I will guide thee." Ps. 32:8.

Prayer

"For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name." Therefore, I shall "not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;" that I be not as Solomon whose "wives turned away his heart after other gods." (Ps. 61:5; Gen. 28:6; 1 Kings 11:4)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a new nature.

Promise

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

"So is every one that is born of the Spirit." John 3:8.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Pet. 1:4.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast made me a "new creature" in Christ Jesus.

Problem

Dear Lord, I need an obedient heart. Please help me!

Promise

"I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Eze. 36:27.

"As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me." Ps. 18:44.

"I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa. 41:10.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to say: "Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God." (Ps. 119:115)

Students, etc.

Orderliness

Problem

Dear Lord, either I do not have enough room, or else I have too many things; or I need to learn order. I need a promise.

Promise

"I will appoint thee a place."
Ex. 21:13.

"Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Cor. 14:40.

"I will . . . teach you." Ex. 4:15.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I accept Thy promise:
"Now the God of peace, . . . make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight."
(Heb. 13:20, 21)

Students, etc.

Honor Parents

Problem

Dear Lord, I want to honor my parents and not argue and bicker.

Promise

"Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph. 6:2.

"A son honoureth his father."
Mal. 1:6.

"Her children arise up and call her blessed." Prov. 31:28.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "remove from me reproach and contempt;" for "it is an honour for a man to cease from strife." (Ps. 119:22; Prov. 20:3)

Students, etc. Presence--God's

Problem

Dear Lord, I need to practice
Thy presence to keep me victorious.

Promise

"My presence shall go with thee,
and I will give thee rest." Exodus
33:14.

"Lo, I am with you alway, even
unto the end of the world." Matt.
28:20.

"I will never leave thee, nor
forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

Prayer

"I have set the Lord always be-
fore me: because he is at my right
hand, I shall not be moved." And
may I, as did the disciples, "look
steadfastly toward heaven." (Ps.
16:8; Acts 1:10)

Students, etc.

Problems

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for
an unsolvable problem.

Promise

"I will bring the blind by a way
that they knew not; I will lead them
in paths that they have not known.
I will make darkness light before
them, and crooked things straight.
These things will I do unto them,
and not forsake them." Isa. 42:16.

"Call unto me, and I will answer
thee, and shew thee great and mighty
things, which thou knowest not."
Jer. 33:3.

Prayer

Dear Father, "I will praise thee:
for thou hast heard me." (Ps. 118:
21)

Problem

Dear Lord, I read in Thy Word: "Keep thyself pure." (1 Tim. 5:22) In what way will a young person be benefited by claiming Bible promises?

Promise

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." Ps. 119:9.

"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 John 3:3.

Prayer

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Ps. 119:11)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to keep me from being rebellious against duly appointed authority.

Promise

"Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility." Prov. 18:12.

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: . . . for so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." 1 Peter 2:13-15.

"He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 14:11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "the wise in heart shall be called prudent." (Prov. 16:21)

Students, etc.

Retaliation

Problem

Dear Lord, I do not want to retaliate, but I do. I need a promise.

Promise

"Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not, but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: . . . by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:23, 24.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I also take thy promise: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday." (Ps. 37:5, 6)

Students, etc.

Ridicule

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to be courageous under ridicule for doing right.

Promise

"And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?"

"But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled."

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." 1 Peter 3:13, 14, 12.

Prayer

Dear Father, I know "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13)

Students, etc. Righteousness
 Imparted

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that Thou wilt impart Thy holy life to me, through faith.

Promise

"It is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

Prayer

Dear "Lord, I believe". "Be it unto me according to thy word." (Mark 9:24; Luke 1:38)

Students, etc. Righteousness
 Imputed

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that Thou wilt grant to me imputed righteousness.

Promise

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile." "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Ps. 32: 1, 2; 1 John 1:7.

Prayer

I do thank Thee, Lord, that "he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor. 5:21)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need the promise of the a b c's of salvation.

Promise

A--"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

B--"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

C--"Come unto me, . . . and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

Prayer

Dear Father, with all my heart I thank Thee for "so great salvation", and for Thy promise: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Heb. 2:3; Acts 16:31)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need to find a promise to cast Satan out of a room.

Promise

"As ye go, . . . heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8.

Say as Jesus said, "Get thee hence, Satan." Matt. 4:10.

"Thou shalt call . . . JESUS!" Matt. 1:21.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast told us, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

Students, etc.

Sex Eyes

Problem

Lord, I need a promise to overcome sex eyes.

Promise

"Look unto me, and be ye saved." Isa. 45:22.

By "beholding" we "are changed into the same image." 2 Cor. 3:18.

"Let thine eyelids look straight before thee." Prov. 4:25.

Prayer

"We may boldly say, The Lord is my helper." Therefore, I accept Thy power to "overcome evil with good." And, "whatsoever things are pure, . . . think on these things." (Heb. 13:6; Rom. 12:21; Phil. 4:8)

Students, etc.

Sing--to

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to be able to sing.

Promise

"Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongues with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things." Ps. 126:2.

"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." Ps. 40:3.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that we shall "serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." (Ps. 100:2)

Students, etc.

Slander

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to sustain me during a siege of slander.

Promise

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." Isa. 54:17.

"Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue." Job 5:21.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee that I "may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." (Heb. 13:6)

Students, etc.

Sleep

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for rest and sleep.

Promise

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

"And his rest shall be glorious." Isa. 11:10.

"When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet." Prov. 3:24.

Prayer

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." "I laid me down and slept; I awakened; for the Lord sustained me." (Ps. 4:8; 3:5)

Students, etc.

Show-off

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that Thou dost consider me of some value; then I won't try to show-off.

Promise

"Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee." Isa. 49:7.

"I will make a man more precious than fine gold." Isa. 13:12.

Prayer

"Behold, the Lord God will help me." (Isa. 50:9)

Students, etc.

Skills--Learn

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to learn a trade.

Promise

"See, I have called by name Bezaleel: . . . and I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works." Ex. 31:2-4.

"God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34.

Prayer

Father, I thank Thee that "the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous." (Prov. 2:6, 7)

Students, etc.

Slang

Problem

Dear Lord, I want victory over using slang words.

Promise

"And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." Jer. 1:9.

"Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Matt. 5:37.

"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matt. 12:37.

Prayer

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord." (Ps. 19:14)

Students, etc.

Soul-winning

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for a brother who needs Thee.

Promise

"If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death." 1 John 5:16.

"The Lord is not . . . willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9.

"The ears of them that hear shall hearken." Isa. 32:3.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "one shall say, I am the Lord's; . . . and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord." (Isa. 44:5)

Students, etc.

Speak--To

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to be able to speak.

Promise

"Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." Ex. 4:12.

"Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." Ps. 81:10.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Gen. 18:14.

Prayer

"Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee." (Jer. 32:17)

Students, etc.

Spirit--Holy

Problem

Dear Lord, "Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me." (Ps. 51:11) I need a promise for the Holy Spirit in my life.

Promise

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Luke 11:13.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8.

Prayer

"Truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord." (Micah 3:8)

Students, etc.

Stealing

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to help me to stop stealing.

Promise

"Thou shalt not steal." Ex. 20: 15. (Both command and promise.)

"If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die." Eze. 33:15.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for Thy promise: "And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: . . . for they shall return unto me with their whole heart." (Jer. 24:7)

Students, etc.

Honor Teachers

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to honor the teachers and my superiors.

Promise

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." Rom. 13:3.

"Let each esteem other better than themselves." Phil. 2:3.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I am resolved to obey Thy word to "Honour all men. . . . Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the forward." (1 Peter 2:17, 18)

Students, etc.

Temper

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to control my temper.

Promise

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." Isa. 26:3.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Prov. 16:32.

"Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." Eph. 4:26.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe." And I know "he that is slow to wrath is of great understanding." (Ps. 119:117; Prov. 14:29)

Students, etc.

Temporal

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for financial help.

Promise

"But my God shall supply all your need." Phil. 4:19.

"They that seek the Lord shall not want [or lack] any good thing." Ps. 34:10.

"Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24.

"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11.

Prayer

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." (Ps. 68:19)

Students, etc.

Thoughts

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that I can control my thoughts.

Promise

"(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:4, 5.

Prayer

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts."

"I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love." (Ps. 139:23; 119:113)

Students, etc.

Tithing

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of a blessing for tithing.

Promise

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. . . .

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:8-10.

Prayer

Lord, Thou art "a rewarder of them that diligently seek" Thee. (Heb. 11:6)

Students, etc.

Sudden Trouble

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to sustain me when trouble comes suddenly.

Promise

"Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken." Prov. 3:25, 26.

"And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Ps. 50:15.

Prayer

Lord, "my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long." (Ps. 35:28)

Students, etc.

Wisdom

Problem

Dear Lord, I need wisdom.

Promise

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering." James 1:5, 6.

"For the Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding." Prov. 2:6.

Prayer

Lord, "I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: . . . At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments." (Ps. 119:58, 62)

Students, etc.

Wiser

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for superior wisdom and understanding, if it will glorify Thy name.

Promise

"God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: . . . And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm." Dan. 1:17, 20.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Heb. 13:8.

Prayer

Lord, "I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts." (Ps. 119:100)

Students, etc.

Witnessing

Problem

Dear Lord, I want to be a witness for Thee. I need a promise.

Promise

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:8.

"A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" Prov. 15:23.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord." Isa. 43:10.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee Thou hast "given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary." (Isa. 50:4)

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Lord's Day

Truth

Problem

Dear Lord, I greatly desire to know what is truth. I need a promise.

Promise

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." John 7:17.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." (Ps. 73:24)

Problem

Dear Lord, I hear some folk say that it really does not make any difference which day we give to Thee, just so it is one in the seven. If there is one definite day of the seven that is Thine in particular, canst Thou give me a promise of assurance that I may know what is right?

Promise

"I was in the spirit on the Lord's day." Rev. 1:10.

Prayer

Dear Lord, it is the sincere desire of my heart to "render . . . unto God the things that are God's." (Matt. 22:21)

Problem

Dear Lord, since Thou hast made it very plain that Thou dost have a definite day that is particularly Thine own, I need a promise to know of which day Thou art the Lord.

Promise

"The Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." Mark 2:28.

Prayer

Dear Father, I thank Thee "this is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Ps. 118:24)

Lord's Day

Rest Day

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know which day of the week is the weekly Sabbath, or rest day.

Promise

"For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works." Heb. 4:4.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast told us that "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." (Heb. 4:9)

Lord's Day

Preparation Day

Problem

Dear Lord, when Jesus died on the day recorded as the "preparation" day, is it true that Thy holy Sabbath day immediately followed? I need a promise.

Promise

"He gave up the ghost. . . . And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And the women . . . returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment." Luke 23:46, 54-56.

Prayer

Dear Father, "Let God be magnified." "Let God be true." (Ps. 40:4; Rom. 3:4)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know which day of the week is the "preparation" day.

Promise

"And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, . . . The Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord." Ex. 16:22, 23.

Prayer

"I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." (Matt. 11:25)

Problem

Dear Lord, are there other texts of Scripture that state the Sabbath is Thy holy day?

Promise

"The sabbath, . . . my holy day." Isa. 58:13.

"Thou . . . madest known unto them thy holy sabbath." Neh. 9:13, 14.

"The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God." Ex. 20:10.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." (Prov. 4:18)

Problem

Dear Lord, are there still more Scriptures that state that the Sabbath is Thine?

Promise

"Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep." Ex. 31:13.

"Keep my sabbaths." Lev. 19:3.

"Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord." Lev. 26:2.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, and "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving . . . in the courts of the Lord's house." (Ps. 116:17-19)

Problem

Dear Lord, if Thou didst sanctify and bless Thy seventh day, when was this done?

Promise

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Gen. 2:1-3.

Prayer

"Lord, I believe." (Mark 9:24)

Lord's Day

Who Creator

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know who made every thing at creation, including Thy holy Sabbath day.

Promise

"God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." Eph. 3:9.

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him." John 1:10.

"The sabbath was made, . . . therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." Mark 2:27, 28.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "visible and invisible, . . . all things were created by him, and for him." (Col. 1:16)

Lord's Day

Living, Healing God

Problem

Dear Lord, Thou hast said, "He that hath the Son hath life." Can this sick, dying body find life in Thee?

Promise

"I will restore health unto thee." Jer. 30:17.

"They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16:18.

"I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them." Jer. 33:6.

"He sent his word, and healed them." Ps. 107:20.

Prayer

Thank You, Lord, that "with His stripes we are healed", and "there is nothing too hard for thee." (Isa. 53:5; Jer. 32:17)

Problem

Dear Lord, what about the would-be gods who did not make the world?

Promise

"Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens." Jer. 10:11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "because that which may be known of God is manifest. . . . For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made." (Rom. 1:19, 20)

Problem

Dear Lord, what is Thy keepsake, or sign, between Thee--our Creator, and mankind--Thy creatures?

Promise

"Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Eze. 20:12.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast said: "And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." (Eze. 20:20)

Problem

Dear Lord, art Thou then the God of the Gentiles as well as the Jews?

Promise

"Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also." Rom. 3:29.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, Thou hast promised also that, "from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord." (Isa. 66:23)

Problem

Dear Lord, why didst Thou command rest on the seventh day?

Promise

"Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: . . . for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." Ex. 31:15-17.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered." (Ps. 111:4)

Problem

Dear Lord, does the fourth commandment also give creation as a reason for keeping the seventh day?

Promise

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. . . . For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Ex. 20:8-11.

Prayer

Father, I thank Thee that "the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us." (Isa. 33:22)

Problem

Dear Lord, does the same law of ten commandments apply to Gentiles also?

Promise

"One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you." Num. 15:16.

"One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you." Ex. 12:49.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, and "I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart." (Ps. 119:32)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need to know whether Thou hast made promises to Gentiles who keep Thy holy day.

Promise

"Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: . . . called an house of prayer for all people." Isa. 56:6, 7.

Prayer

"O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word." (Ps. 119:169)

Problem

Dear Lord, were the seven yearly sabbaths given to Israel beside, or in addition to, the "sabbath of the Lord"?

Promise

"In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath. . . . Also on the tenth day of this seventh month . . . also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, . . . shall be a sabbath." "Beside the sabbaths of the Lord." Lev. 23:24-39, 38.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "thy testimonies are wonderful." (Ps. 119:129)

Problem

Dear Lord, was it these seasonal, or shadowy sabbaths, which were nailed to the cross?

Promise

"Nailing . . . to his cross . . . the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." Col. 2:14, 16, 17.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "there remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." (Heb. 4:9)

Problem

Dear Lord, did Jesus make clear that the weekly Sabbath should still be observed after the cross?

Promise

"Then let them . . . flee into the mountains: . . . But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day." Matt. 24:16-20.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord: "So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever." (Ps. 119:44)

Problem

Did Paul observe the Sabbath and preach to both Jews and Gentiles on the Sabbath day?

Promise

"Paul and his company . . . went into the synagogue on the sabbath day. . . . Then Paul stood up, and . . . said . . . give audience." Then he preached his sermon.

"The Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. . . . And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." Acts 13:13, 14, 16, 42-44.

Prayer

Lord, "My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes." (Ps. 119:171)

Problem

Dear Lord, does it really make any difference which day we keep?

Promise

"The priests . . . shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. . . . And they shall hallow my sabbaths." Eze. 44:15, 23, 24.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that though "I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts." (Ps. 119:141)

Problem

Dear Lord, do faith and law go together in the Old Testament? I know law is there; but is faith there also?

Promise

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain."

"By faith Enoch was translated."

"By faith Abraham . . . obeyed."

"By faith Isaac blessed Jacob."

"By faith Joseph, . . . blessed both the sons of Joseph."

"By faith Joseph . . . made mention of the departing of the children of Israel."

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter."

"By faith he forsook Egypt."

"Through faith he kept the pass-over."

"By faith they passed through the Red sea."

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell down."

"By faith the harlot Rahab perished not."

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets."

"These all . . . obtained a good report through faith." Hebrews chapter 11.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." (Rom. 12:3)

Problem

Dear Lord, I know that faith is in the New Testament, but what I want to know is whether faith voids the law.

Promise

"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Rom. 3:31.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20)

Problem

Dear Lord, if I have enough faith in Jesus Christ, will He make me able to be obedient to His law?

Promise

"I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Eze. 36:27.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast promised, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Therefore, "I will never forget thy precepts." "So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever." (Rev. 22:14; Ps. 119:93, 44)

Problem

Dear Lord, did law and grace go together in the Old Testament times? I know law was there, but was grace there also?

Promise

"Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Gen. 6:8.

"Thy servant hath found grace in thy sight." Gen. 19:19.

"Thy people have found grace in thy sight." Ex. 33:16.

"The Lord will give grace and glory." Ps. 84:11.

"The people . . . found grace in the wilderness; even Israel." Jer. 31:2.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "I knew that thou art a gracious God." (Jonah 4:2)

Problem

Dear Lord, is it right in the New Testament dispensation to ignore, or break, the law of ten commandments because grace abounds?

Promise

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid." Rom. 6:1.

"What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." Rom. 6:15.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts." (Ps. 119:45)

Problem

Dear Lord, am I to perform good works to be saved? or rather because Thou hast saved me?

Promise

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Eph. 2:8-10.

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26.

Prayer

I am thankful, Lord, that "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Phil. 2:13)

Problem

Dear Lord, in Colossians 2:16 we are commanded not to let any man judge us. By what measuring stick will God judge us?

Promise

"The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12:48.

"So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:12.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou art working in me to "Fear God, and keep his commandments: . . . For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Eccl. 12:13, 14)

Problem

Dear Lord, when Satan tells me the law of the Sabbath was nailed to the cross, I need to know what to tell him.

Promise

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Rev. 1:10.

"The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God." Ex. 20:10.

"There remaineth therefore a rest [margin, 'keeping of a sabbath'] to the people of God." Heb. 4:9.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I am thankful Thou hast told us of the devil; "there is no truth in him. . . . he is a liar, and the father of it." But "let God be true." (John 8:44; Rom. 3:4)

Problem

Dear Lord, I know James 2:10-12 makes clear we are to be judged in the last day by the ten commandment law. What will happen to me if I deliberately and wilfully disobey one of these commands?

Promise

"Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law." Mal. 2:9.

"Sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4.

"The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23.

Prayer

Lord, I shall "not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments." (Ps. 119:6)

Problem

Dear Lord, is obedience to Thee a life-and-death question? I need a promise.

Promise

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee." Deut. 30: 15, 16.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "he [Christ] became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." (Heb. 5:9)

Problem

Dear Lord, since one kind of sabbath--the yearly, shadowy--was nailed "to his cross" (Col. 2:14-17); and another Sabbath--the weekly one, commemorating creation--(Gen. 2:1-3), will be observed throughout eternity (Isa. 66:22, 23): it must follow that these two kinds of sabbaths are part of two different kinds of laws. I need some Scriptures that indicate there are two different kinds of laws--one nailed to the cross, the other lasting eternally.

PromiseTen CommandmentsOther Law

James 2:8	Eph. 2:15
Deut. 4:11, 12.	Lev. Chapters 1-4
Ex. 24:12	Deut. 31:9

Ten CommandmentsOther Law

Deut. 10:5.	Deut. 31:26
Ex. 40:20	Mal. 4:4.
Ex. 31:18	Acts 15:5
Ps. 111:7, 8.	Col. 2:14
Ps. 19:7.	Heb. 7:12
1 John 3:4.	Col. 2:14-17
Isa. 42:21.	Col. 2:14-17
Matt. 5:17-19	Col. 2:14-17
Rom. 3:31	Gal. 5:2-5

Prayer

Dear Lord, "Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart." (Ps. 119:34)

Problem

Dear Lord, under the new covenant, what is Thy promise regarding the law and me?

Promise

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them." Hebrews 10:16.

"I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; . . . I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Jer. 31:33, 34.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold." (Ps. 119:127)

Problem

Dear Lord, when Thou shalt "create new heavens and a new earth", how many of the saved will come and worship every Sabbath day?

Promise

"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord." Isa. 66:22, 23.

Prayer

Dear Lord, for this promise I thank Thee. So "be it unto me according to thy word." (Luke 1:38)

Problem

Dear Lord, I know personally many godly Christians who have never yet seen the light on the true Lord's day. What about them?

Promise

"Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin." John 9:41.

"The times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." Acts 17:30.

"Jesus saith . . . follow thou me." John 21:22.

Prayer

"So then", Lord, I see that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Rom. 14:12)

Problem

Dear Lord, I know the seventh day Sabbath is true, yet I keep looking at other good Christians and keep comparing.

Promise

"But they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." 2 Cor. 10:12.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11.

Prayer

Lord, help me to remember that "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." (1 John 2:6)

Problem

Dear Lord, I clearly see that the seventh day is Thy holy day, the sign of a living God, the memorial of creation. Now, what is the memorial of Christ's glorious resurrection? I need a promise.

Promise

"Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." Col. 2:12. (See also Rom. 6:1-6; 8:11)

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast said, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Gal. 3:27)

Section VIII

P R O M I S E S

Especially Applicable
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LORD'S HOLY DAY

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Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to Help me when I am falsely accused.

Promise

"Blessed are ye, when men shall . . . say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." Matt. 5:11, 12.

"Noweapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord." Isa. 54:17.

Prayer

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth." (Ps. 28:7)

Problem

Dear Lord, can we expect answers to our prayers if we decide to please and obey Thee?

Promise

"Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." 1 John 3:22.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:15, 14.

Prayer

Dear Father, I thank Thee for these promises; and please "let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts." (Ps. 119:173)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to control my own spirit when questions concerning my faith are asked in the wrong spirit.

Promise

"Blessed are the meek." Matt. 5:5.

"And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." 2 Tim. 2:24, 25.

Prayer

Dear Lord, Thou hast also promised: "to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." (Ps. 50:23)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of divine protection, even when surrounded by armies bent on my destruction.

Promise

"Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise up against me, in this will I be confident. . . . For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me." Ps. 27:3-5.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast promised: "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder." (Ps. 46:9)

Problem

Dear Lord, I become irritated and begin to judge others who do not see the truth quickly. What shall I do? I need a promise.

Promise

"The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way." Ps. 25:9.

"He that ruleth his spirit" "is better" "than he that taketh a city." Prov. 16:32.

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isa. 30:15.

Prayer

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." (Ps. 141:3)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to encourage me to obey Thee.

Promise

"I set before you . . . a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: and a curse, if ye will not obey." Deut. 11:26-28.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Rev. 3:21.

Prayer

"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Ps. 40:8)

Problem

Dear Lord, some times people offer me bribes if I will give up, and disobey thy commands. I need a promise to enable me to resist this temptation.

Promise

"He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; . . . that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, . . . Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off." Isa. 33:15, 17.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: in whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes." (Ps. 26:9, 10)

Problem

Dear Lord, is there any compensation for sacrifices we make in this life to serve Thee? I need a promise.

Promise

"And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Matt. 19:29.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast said: "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful creator." (1 Peter 4:19)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to keep from condemning others when they do not obey Thee according to the light I have.

Promise

"Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven." Luke 6:37.

"Let us not therefore judge one another any more." Rom. 14:13.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17)

Problem

Since the holy Sabbath day reveals Thee as a great constructor ("God created and made." Gen.2:3); I need a promise that Thou wilt help me also to be constructive.

Promise

"And they that be of thee shall build the old waste places: . . . If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, . . . and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable." Isa. 58:12, 13.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to be constructive by "distributing to the necessity of saints"; to "speak a word in season"; and to obey Thy command; "Bear ye one another's burdens." (Rom. 12:13; Isa. 50:4; Gal. 6:2)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to help me know how to conduct myself and what to say when I am brought into court for my faith.

Promise

"Beware of men: for they will deliver you up . . . and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, . . . But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." Matt. 10:17-20.

Prayer

"Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." (1 Sam. 3:9)

Problem

Dear Lord, I have found that the Sabbath stands for Thy creativeness. I need a promise that Thou wilt make me like Thyself.

Promise

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Eph. 2:10.

"If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: . . . Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12:20,21.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, "we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of sustaining grace if I am called upon to die for Jesus.

Promise

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28.

"He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 10:39.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Rom. 8:18)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know what attitude I should have toward Thy holy Sabbath day.

Promise

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; . . . I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isa. 58:13, 14.

Prayer

Dear Father, I shall "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." I shall "rejoice in the Lord, . . . and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness." (Ps. 96:9; 97:12)

Problem

Dear Lord, I do not want to become discouraged when I am criticized. I need a promise.

Promise

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

"For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." "For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 12:3; 13:5.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that I "can boldly say, The Lord is my helper. and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." (Heb. 13:6)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to give me victory over disputings. I know it is unchristlike.

Promise

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Phil. 2:14, 15.

"Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments." (Ps. 119:66)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for when I am cut off from my friends because I obey Thee.

Promise

"Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven." Luke 6:22, 23.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I believe the wonderful promise Thou hast given us: "I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." (Rev. 3:5)

Problem

Dear Lord, as for myself, what shall I do, now that I am sure the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord my God? I must have fellowship somewhere. I need a promise.

Promise

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Cor. 1:9.

Prayer

"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." (Ps. 40:8)

Problem

Dear Lord, since only a few keep the seventh-day Sabbath, could it be that the majority is right in religious matters? I need a promise.

Promise

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: . . . because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13, 14.

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for Thy counsel to me, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." (Ex. 23:2)

Problem

Dear Father, is it necessary to obey Thee to continue following the Lord? I need a promise.

Promise

"If ye will fear the Lord, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall . . . ye . . . continue following the Lord your God." 1 Sam. 12:14.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for Thy word to me: "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Pet. 2:21)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that my food will be supplied when the time comes that we can neither buy nor sell. (Rev. 13:17)

Promise

"He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munition of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Isa. 33:16.

"I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Josh. 1:5.

Prayer

Father, I thank Thee that "the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us." (Isa. 33:22)

Problem

Dear Lord, I have discovered that the Sabbath is the sign of God's generosity. (Ex. 16:29; Eze. 20:20) I want to be generous like my Lord.

Promise

"The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. 11:25.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, . . . For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou wilt help me to be like God, "who so loved the world, that he gave." (John 3:16)

Problem

Dear Lord, is it possible to have days of heaven now? I need a promise.

Promise

"Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his . . . commandments, alway." "That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth." Deut. 11:1, 21.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I hear Thee saying to me, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." (Ps. 119:165; John 13:17)

Problem

Dear Lord, I do not want to be like Peter--bold when it is not necessary, and then weak in the hour of test. I need a promise.

Promise

"The righteous are bold as a lion." Prov. 28:1.

"Be not faithless, but believing." John 20:27.

"And they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13.

Prayer

"Lord, . . . grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." For Thou hast told us: "Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." (Acts 4:29; Jer. 1:8)

Problem

Dear Lord, when I keep the true Sabbath of the Lord, does this give me the privilege of having a "holier-than-thou" attitude toward those who do not see the light? I need a promise.

Promise

"So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." Luke 17:10.

"He that shall humble himself shall be exalted." Matt. 23:12.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I want to be like Jesus who "humbled himself," and was "a friend of publicans and sinners." (Phil. 2:8; Matt. 11:19)

Problem

Dear Lord, I feel my great need of a promise for the Holy Spirit as I seek to obey Thee.

Promise

"And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Acts 5:32.

"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of Truth." John 14:16, 17.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Father, that Jesus promised concerning the Holy Spirit: "I will send him unto you." (John 16:7)

Problem

What will God do for those wonderful Christians who never knew certain great truths, such as the true Sabbath being the seventh day?

Promise

"Jesus said unto them, if ye were blind, ye should have no sin." John 9:41.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17.

Prayer

Dear Father, in Thy graciousness Thou hast said, "The times of this ignorance God winked at [closed his eyes]; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." (Acts 17:30)

Problem

Dear Lord, since Thou didst make the holy Sabbath for all mankind (Mark 2:27, 28), it reveals to me Thy impartiality. I want to be like Thee. I need a promise.

Promise

"He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

"For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

"And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? . . . Be ye therefore perfect." Matt. 5:45-48.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to "honour all men." (1 Peter 2:17)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to carry me through the time of "Jacob's trouble."

Promise

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." Jer. 30:7.

"I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world." Rev. 3:10.

"Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me." Isa. 27:5.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee that though all earthly support is removed, "yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." (See Hab. 3:17, 18)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to help me to look to Jesus when tempted to look to other good people.

Promise

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isa. 45:22.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Heb. 12:2.

"They looked unto him, and were lightened." Ps. 34:5.

Prayer

Lord, "do I seek to please men?" No, Lord, "my soul followeth hard after thee." (Gal. 1:10; Ps. 63:8)

Lord's Day

Jesus--Knowing

Problem

Dear Lord, I believe every Bible doctrine should help me to know Jesus better. Does the doctrine of the true Sabbath do that?

Promise

"Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths . . . that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Eze. 20:12.

"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."
1 John 2:4.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."
(John 17:3)

Lord's Day

Job--Loss of

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of making a living when I make a total commitment to Thee.

Promise

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19.

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Ps. 37:25.

Prayer

Lord, I thank Thee I can say from my heart: "he is faithful that promised." (Heb. 10:23)

Lord's Day

Joy

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that I may be a joyful follower, as well as an obedient one.

Promise

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10.

"Rejoice evermore. . . In every thing give thanks." 1 Thess. 5:16, 18.

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law." (Ps. 119:54, 55)

Lord's Day

Life--Longer

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know whether or not obedience to Thee will prolong my life.

Promise

"Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

"For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days." Deut. 32:46, 47.

Prayer

Lord, I thank Thee also for this promise: "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation." (Ps. 91:16)

Problem

Dear Lord, what shall I do when I feel left all alone? I need a promise.

Promise

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa. 41:10.

"I am not alone, because the Father is with me." John 16:32.

Prayer

"I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes." "For Thou art with me." And Thou hast promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Ps. 119:145; 23:4; Heb. 13:5)

Problem

Dear Lord, I have learned that the Bible tells us the Sabbath is God's sign (Ex. 31:16,17), or banner (Ps. 60:4) of love (S.S. 2:4); and God's government is love (1 John 4:8). I need a promise for this love in my heart.

Promise

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." Eze. 36:26.

Prayer

Lord, Thou hast told us; "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." (Rom. 5:5)

Lord's Day

Misunderstood

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise when people misunderstand me for obeying Thee.

Promise

"Then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. . . . And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:10-13.

"Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." Matt. 5:12.

Prayer

Dear Father, I thank Thee that "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." (Ps. 121:2)

Lord's Day

Money--Lord's

Problem

Dear Lord, since I am determined to give Thee Thy day, is there special money that belongs to Thee? I need a promise.

Promise

"The tithe . . . is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30.

"Ye tithe . . . and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Luke 11:42.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me . . . I will open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

Prayer

"Lord, I believe." (Mark 9:24)

Problem

Dear Lord, why may it be that God has not revealed to other good Christians some things He has to me?

Promise

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Cor. 2:5.

"That no flesh should glory in his presence." 1 Cor. 1:29.

Prayer

Lord, Thou hast said: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (John 10:16)

Problem

Dear Lord, will I have inner peace if I obey God? I need a promise.

Promise

"O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." Isa. 48:18.

"Great peace have they which love thy law." Ps. 119:165.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, Thou hast also promised: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

Problem

Dear Lord, does the fact that my own family turns against me prove I am doing wrong? I need a promise.

Promise

"A man's foes shall be they of his own household." Matt. 10:36.

(Read Matt. 10:16-42 and also Luke 12:49-53.)

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:32.

Prayer

"Lord, lay not this sin to their charge": for, Lord, "whither thou goest, I will go." (Acts 7:60; Ruth 1:16)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise of protection when the seven last plagues are falling.

Promise

"I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4.

"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Ps. 91:10.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, Thou hast also promised: "Surely he shall deliver thee . . . from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust." (Ps. 91:3, 4)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need power to obey.
Please give me a promise.

Promise

"And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Eze. 36:27.

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Phil. 2:13.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Eph. 2:10.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to keep me from retaliating when people polk fun at me.

Promise

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Rom. 12:19.

"Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again." 1 Peter 2:23.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee Thou hast also promised, "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye." So "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Zech. 2:8; Luke 23:34)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know what reward lies ahead?

Promise

"The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

Prayer

Lord, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." (Rom. 8:35, 37)

Problem

Dear Lord, I understand that during the fourth great plague (Rev. 16:8) the sun scorches men with fire. I need a promise of protection for that time.

Promise

"The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night." Ps. 121:5, 6.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for this promise: for "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Thou hast said, "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." (Ps. 27:13; Josh. 1:5)

Problem

Dear Lord, is there a promise for those who forsake all evil?

Promise

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord." Ps. 119:1.

"Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." Isa. 56:2.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast also promised: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matt. 5:8)

Problem

Dear Lord, as I am victorious over the mark of the beast, will I be happy? Who will sing the "song of Moses and the Lamb"? I need a promise.

Promise

"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb." Rev. 15:2, 3.

Prayer

O Lord, "Great and marvellous are thy works." (Rev. 15:3)

Lord's Day

Suffering

Problem

Dear Lord, I am suffering for Christ's sake. I need a promise.

Promise

"But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." 1 Peter 4:13.

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor. 4:17.

Prayer

I will "rejoice in the Lord alway;" "for this is the will of God." (Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:18)

Lord's Day

Test--Not Too Long

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for the final time of persecution. Will it be short so I can bear it?

Promise

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." Isa. 26:20.

"But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13.

Prayer

Lord, I thank Thee, and "I believe." (Mark 9:24)

Problem

Dear Lord, for the coming world-wide test over Sabbath obedience, I need a promise.

Promise

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Rev. 3:10.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes. I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies. . . . I hoped in thy word." (Ps. 119:145-147)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to keep me from being negative or gloomy when passing through trials.

Promise

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:2-4.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, I am "re-joicing in hope", until Thou canst say: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." (Rom.12:12; Rev.14:12)

Lord's Day

Trouble--Time of

Problem

Dear Lord, in the coming time of trouble, will every one of Thy obedient children be delivered?

Promise

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." Dan. 12:1.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand:" and I have "put" "on the Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 13:12, 14)

Lord's Day

Understanding

Problem

Dear Lord, should I expect every one to understand and accept all of Thy teachings and commands as soon as I do? I need a promise.

Promise

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18.

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." 1 Cor. 11:31.

"Charity never faileth." 1 Cor. 13:8.

Prayer

Lord, help me to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." (Eph. 4:1, 2)

Problem

Dear Lord, should Sabbath sanctification spell Christian unity?

Promise

"Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Eze. 20:12.

"For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." Heb. 2:11.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1)

Problem

Dear Lord, is there wisdom in obeying God? I need a promise.

Promise

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments." Ps. 111:10.

"Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? . . . for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them." Hosea 14:9.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou wilt "give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart." (Ps. 119:34)

Lord's Day

Witnessing

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to help me not to be afraid to witness for my Lord.

Promise

"Be not afraid of their faces; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." Jer. 1:8.

"For thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." Verse 7.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee." "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." (Ps. 22:22; 34:1)

Section IX

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for

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and those who care for
the sick

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Diagnosis

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for a difficult diagnosis in which I may have made an error.

Promise

"I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: . . . that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else." Isa. 45:2-6.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" "There is nothing too hard for thee." Gen. 18:14; Jer. 32:17.

Prayer

"Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation." "The Lord will hear when I call unto him." (Ps. 38:22; 4:3)

Physicians, etc.

Familiarity

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to handle a problem of undue familiarity on the part of my patient.

Promise

"For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her." Prov. 7:26.

"Enter not into the path . . . Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." Prov. 4:14, 15.

"When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble." Prov. 4:12.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "the wise shall inherit glory." (Prov. 3:35)

Physicians, etc.

Fees

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise as I charge reasonable fees.

Promise

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth." Ps. 41:1, 2.

"Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, . . . I will give thee riches, and wealth and honour." 2 Chron. 1:11, 12.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee that "the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish." (Prov. 14:11)

Physicians, etc.

Glorifying God

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to help my patient to look to God more than to me.

Promise

"Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. . . .

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." Jer. 17:5, 7.

"I am the Lord: . . . and my glory will I not give to another." (Isa. 42:8)

Prayer

Dear Lord, "As for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living." (Dan. 2:30)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise as I prescribe only those remedies of which Thou dost approve.

Promise

"Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, . . . Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." Deut. 4:5, 6.

Prayer

"I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts." (Ps. 119:100)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for a patient who has heart trouble, based partially on too much haste.

Promise

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Ps. 27:14.

"For thus saith the Lord God, The Holy One of Israel; in returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isa. 30:15.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help my patient to also remember Thy promise: "They shall not be ashamed that wait for me." (Isa. 49:23)

Physicians, etc.

Humility

Problem

Dear Lord, I have never tried to use my influence or money to throw my weight around in the church, and I trust I never shall; but I need a promise.

Promise

"Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility." Prov. 18:12.

"And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:18.

"Jesus said unto him, Follow me." Matt. 8:22.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I know "A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Prov. 15:23)

Physicians, etc.

Law Suit

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for deliverance in a malpractice suit in which I am not in the wrong.

Promise

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday." Ps. 37:5, 6.

"Surely he shall deliver thee." "Thou shalt not be afraid." "There shall no evil befall thee." Ps. 91:3, 5, 10.

"In God I have put my trust." Ps. 56:4.

Prayer

Father, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" (Ps. 118:6)

Physicians, etc.

Nerves

Problem

Dear Lord, I have a patient who needs nerve-therapy.

Promise

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Prov. 17:22.

"Praise is comely." Ps. 147:1.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to say to my patient: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. . . .

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:4, 7)

Physicians, etc.

Revelation

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that I will not be led astray if I am obedient to divine revelation.

Promise

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." Deut. 29:29.

"And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm." Dan. 1:20.

Prayer

"I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation." (Ps. 119:99)

Physicians, etc.

Spirituality

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to place spiritual things first.

Promise

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

"Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment." Eccl. 8:5.

Prayer

Lord, "The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts." I do believe that "whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered." (Ps. 10:4; Prov. 28:26)

Physicians, etc.

Stewards

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to help my patients to be good stewards of Thy goods.

Promise

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof." Ps. 24:1.

"His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21.

"Know ye . . . ye are not your own? . . . therefore glorify God." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Ps. 90:12)

Physicians, etc.

T. L. C.

Problem

Dear Lord, I want to use T.L.C. with my patients. I need a promise.

Promise

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted." Eph. 4:32.

"The servant of the Lord must . . . be gentle unto all men." 2 Tim. 2:24.

"The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." James 5:11.

"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." Isa. 40:11.

Prayer

Lord, "I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out." (Job 29:15, 16)

Physicians, etc.

Weight Control

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for a patient who does not control her appetite, and needs to reduce.

Promise

"When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: and put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite." Prov. 23:1, 2.

"Eat so much as is sufficient for thee." Prov. 25:16.

"The meek shall eat and be satisfied." Ps. 22:26.

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Isa. 41:13.

Prayer

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth." (Ps. 141:3)

Physicians, etc.

Wife

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know how to react to my wife's occasional remarks that she worked my way through medical school.

Promise

"Rejoice with the wife of thy youth." Prov. 5:18.

"She will do him good and not evil all the days of his life." Prov. 31:12.

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Prov. 31:28.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, I will now tell my wife: "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." (Prov. 31:20)

Section X

P R O M I S E S

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Blamed

Problem

Dear Lord, I have read that Jesus was "numbered with the transgressors" even though He was entirely innocent. I need a promise in case I am blamed innocently.

Promise

"Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons." Heb. 12:6, 7.

"Blessed are ye, when men . . . shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad." Matt. 5: 11, 12.

Prayer

"Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Ministers, etc.

Bribery

Problem

Dear Lord, gifts to the church, or to me, must not prevent me from administering proper discipline to the erring. I need a promise.

Promise

"A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men." Prov. 18:16.

"Thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous." Deut. 16:19.

"He that hateth gifts shall live." Prov. 15:27.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee that "I have coveted no man's silver or gold, or apparel." (Acts 20:33)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise if I will be humble and accept counsel. Is such an attitude rewarded?

Promise

"Submit . . . yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Eph. 5:21.

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to ever remember this assurance Thou hast given the humble: "he may exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:6)

Problem

Dear Lord, as a minister I need to be kept from displaying a critical spirit when my members do not cooperate as I feel they should.

Promise

"If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another . . . Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Gal. 5:15, 16.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:17.

Prayer

Dear Lord, may I always remember "the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men." (2 Tim. 2:24)

Ministers, etc.

Emphasis

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that in all my ministry I may place the emphasis where it belongs.

Promise

Things not to be emphasized, as Solomon confessed: "I made . . . I builded . . . I planted . . . I made me . . . I got me, . . . and had . . . also I had . . . I gathered . . . I gat me . . . So I was great. . . . Therefore I hated life." Eccl. 2:4-17.

"The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Cor. 4:18.

Prayer

Dear Lord, with Paul I say: "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (1 Cor. 2:2)

Ministers, etc.

Finances

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise for my church finances.

Promise

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110:3.

"Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. . . . and thou shalt have plenty of silver." Job 22:24, 25.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver." (Prov. 8:18, 19)

Ministers, etc.

Fire

Problem

Dear Lord, I do not want to be lukewarm. I long to be on fire for Thee. I need a promise.

Promise

"Who maketh . . . his ministers a flame of fire." Heb. 1:7.

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8.

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" Luke 11:13.

Prayer

Father, I "ask . . . of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall . . . give them showers of rain." (Zech. 10:1)

Ministers, etc.

Infatuation

Problem

Dear Lord, there is a woman in my congregation who is overly admiring. I need a promise to turn from this temptation.

Promise

"Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well." Prov. 5:15.

"Keep thy father's commandment, . . . when thou goest, it shall lead thee; . . . to keep thee from the evil woman." Prov. 6:20-24.

The "Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations." 2 Peter 2:9.

Prayer

Lord, Thou hast also promised "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation." (Rev. 3:10)

Ministers, etc.

Organization

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to organize for a missionary project.

Promise

"Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Cor. 14:40.

"The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands." Prov. 30:27.

"He . . . began to send them forth by two and two." Mark 6:7.

"Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, . . . that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest." Josh. 1:7.

Prayer

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57)

Ministers, etc.

Pressure

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that divine pressure is greater and more effective than human pressure in my ministry.

Promise

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

"When he [the Comforter, or Holy Spirit] is come, he will reprove the world of sin." John 16:8.

"They which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one." John 8:9.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Phil. 2:13)

Ministers, etc.

Serving Tables

Problem

Dear Lord, "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables." (Acts 6:2) I need a promise that if I delegate this work to others and give myself "continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word," (Verse 4) my work will be blessed of Thee.

Promise

"Look ye out among you . . . men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business . . . And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied . . . greatly." Acts 6:3, 7.

Prayer

Help me, Lord, to "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season." (2 Tim. 4:2)

Ministers, etc.

Suffering

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise when I am willing to suffer for Thy sake.

Promise

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." 2 Tim. 2:12.

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor. 4:17.

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I believe Thy promises: "My grace is sufficient for thee." "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." (2 Cor. 12:9; Ex. 33:14)

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Church

Baptism

Problem

Dear Lord, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost?" (Acts 10:47) I need a promise.

Promise

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:16.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19, 20.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" (Acts 8:36)

Problem

Dear Lord, I am looked upon as stubborn and uncooperative because I cannot conscientiously join a federation of churches. I need a promise to know I am in Thy will.

Promise

"Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

"Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." Isa. 8:12, 13.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8:20.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31)

Problem

Dear Lord, I know Jesus washed His disciples' feet. I need a promise if I follow His example.

Promise

"If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. . . . If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:14, 15.

Prayer

Father, like Peter I exclaim, "Lord, [wash] not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit." (John 13: 9, 10)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise as I partake of the Lord's supper.

Promise

"The Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." 1 Cor. 11:23-26.

Prayer

"Lord, I believe." (Mark 9:24)

Problem

Dear Lord, are these ordinances which Thou didst institute and command still to be kept?

Promise

"I praise you, brethren, that ye . . . keep the ordinances, as I delivered them unto you." 1 Cor. 11:2.

"Stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, . . . comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." 2 Thess. 2:15-17.

Prayer

Lord, "Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart." (Ps. 119:34)

Church

Sanctification

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that I can be sanctified.

Promise

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17.

" . . . being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:16.

"Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." 2 Peter 1:5-7.

" . . . beholding . . . the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image." 2 Cor. 3:18.

Prayer

Lord, I would "grow in grace."
(2 Peter 3:18)

Church

Spiritual Israel

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know that in Thy plan the New Testament church replaces the originally chosen Jewish nation, which rejected Jesus.

Promise

"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; . . . but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly." Rom. 2:28, 29.

"If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3:29.

Prayer

Yes, Lord, "God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." (Matt. 3:9)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise that Thy organized church will not fail, and Thou wilt not fail her.

Promise

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. . . .

"Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 16:18, 19.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for Jesus' prayer: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one." (John 17:20, 21)

Section XII

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Bereaved

"These Words"

Problem

Dear Lord, are there special words which Thou dost command us to use in bringing comfort to the bereaved? If so, I need a promise.

Promise

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thess. 4:16-18.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for "these words."

Bereaved

Ignorant

Problem

Dear Lord, so many people are ignorant of what happens to their loved ones who pass under the hand of death. Is it Thy will that we should be thus ignorant? If not, please give me a promise.

Promise

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep." 1 Thess. 4:13.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children." (Deut. 29:29)

Bereaved

"Asleep"

Problem

Dear Lord, are our dear ones who have died, asleep or awake? I need a promise to know the truth.

Promise

"I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep." 1 Thess. 4:13.

"And after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth."
"Lazarus is dead." John 11:11, 14.

"Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death." Ps. 13:3.

Prayer

Lord, I recall Job said: "For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest." (Job 3:13)

Bereaved

Dead to "Rise"

Problem

Dear Lord, Will the dead come down with Jesus, or will they rise when He comes again? Is there a promise for me?

Promise

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise." 1 Thess. 4:16.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth." John 5:28,29.

Prayer

Lord, I thank Thee that the angel at the tomb of Jesus said to the women "He is risen." (Mark 16:6)

Bereaved

When "Rise"?

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know when the dead in Christ rise.

Promise

"Jesus said . . . , I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise." 1 Thess. 4:16.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for Thy precious promise: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself." (John 14:2, 3)

Bereaved

"Together"

Problem

Dear Lord, do we go to heaven one by one when we die, or wait and all go together? I need a promise.

Promise

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep." 1 Thess. 4:15.

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." Verse 17.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "These all died in faith, not having received the promises . . . that they without us should not be made perfect." (Heb. 11:13, 40)

Bereaved

"Present with
the Lord"

Problem

Dear Lord, when will we be "present with the Lord"? Please give me a promise.

Promise

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.

Prayer

Dear Lord, we shall therefore "comfort one another with these words." (1 Thess. 4:18)

Bereaved

"Depart"--"with
Christ"

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know whether Paul really expected to be with Christ the moment he departed this life.

Promise

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I am "looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13)

Bereaved

"Perceiveth It Not"

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know whether a parent who has passed away in death can see the horrors of a son suffering on a bloody battle field.

Promise

"I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep." 1 Thess. 4:13.

"His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them." Job 14:21.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast made it so very plain in Thy Holy Word that, "The dead know not any thing, . . . for the memory of them is forgotten." (Eccl. 9:5)

Bereaved

"Breath"--"Thoughts"

Problem

Dear Lord, what happens to the thoughts when the breath, or spirit, is taken away? I need a promise.

Promise

"Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust." Ps. 104:29.

"His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Psalm 146:4.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I believe Thy word that, "Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished." For, "the dead know not any thing." (Eccl. 9:6, 5)

Bereaved

"Spirit"

Problem

Dear Lord, what is the "spirit" that "returns" "to God who gave it"?

Promise

"All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit [margin: 'that is the breath which God gave him'] of God is in my nostrils." Job 27:3.

"The body without the spirit [margin: 'breath'] is dead." James 2:26.

Prayer

"I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." (Matt. 11:25)

Bereaved

Rich Man--Lazarus

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know whether the story of the rich man and Lazarus is literal or a parable, i.e., symbolic.

Promise

"Without a parable spake he not unto them." "And with many such parables spake he the word unto them." Mark 4:34, 33.

Rich man--symbolic of the Jewish nation. Rom. 9:4, 5.

Lazarus, the beggar--symbolic of the Gentiles. Matt. 15:21-28.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Gal. 3:29)

Bereaved

Soul Die?

Problem

Dear Lord, Can the soul die? I need a promise.

Promise

"Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die." Eze. 18:4.

"Every living soul died in the sea." Rev. 16:3.

"Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Gen. 18:25)

Bereaved

Death an "Enemy"

Problem

Dear Lord, is death a friend or an enemy? I need a promise.

Promise

"For the wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23.

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." 1 Cor. 15:26.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee that through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we can exultantly exclaim: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" For "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor. 15:55; Rom. 6:23)

Bereaved

Immortality--When?

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know when we receive immortality.

Promise

"We shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Cor. 15:51-53.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." For "we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him." (Ps. 17:15; 1 John 3:2)

Bereaved

God Only Immortal

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know whether any one, other than God, is immortal now.

Promise

" . . . the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality." 1 Tim. 6:15, 16.

"For this . . . mortal must put on immortality. So when this . . . mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Cor. 15:53, 54.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for this promise: " . . . to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for . . . immortality, eternal life." (Rom. 2:7)

Problem

Dear Lord, some say David ascended to heaven when he died. Did he? or did he not? I need a promise.

Promise

"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption." Acts 13:36.

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. . . . For David is not ascended into the heavens." Acts 2:29, 34.

Prayer

"Lord, I believe." (Mark 9:24)

Problem

Dear Lord, where is Paradise? Does the overcomer have hope of being in Paradise with Jesus?

Promise

"I knew a man in Christ . . . caught up to the third heaven, . . . caught up into paradise." 2 Cor. 12:2-4.

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Rev. 2:7.

"Thou" "shalt" "be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43.

Prayer

With the dying thief I would also cry: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." (Luke 23:42)

Bereaved

Jesus & Paradise

Problem

Dear Lord, I need to know whether Jesus went directly to His Father in Paradise when He died on Friday afternoon, or did He go three days later?

Promise

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, . . . Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: . . . she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, . . . Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father." John 20:1-17.

Prayer

Dear Lord, "Light is sown for the righteous." "Let God be true, but every man a liar." (Ps. 97:11; Rom. 3:4)

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Problem

Dear Lord, art Thou coming back to this earth again? And if so, for what reason?

Promise

"I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2,3.

"The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, . . . when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe." 2 Thess. 1:7-10.

Prayer

With longing hearts we say: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20)

Problem

Dear Lord, I need a promise to know if Thy coming will be personal. Will we have physical bodies then?

Promise

"Neither [did] his flesh see corruption." Acts 2:31.

"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see." Luke 24:39.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven." 1 Thess. 4:16.

"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." Phil. 3:21.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that "this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner." (Acts 1:11)

Problem

Dear Lord, will Thine enemies also see Thee when Thou dost come for Thy saints?

Promise

"Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matt. 24:30, 31.

Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, that Jesus will come "with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him." (Rev. 1:7)

Problem

Dear Lord, when are the rewards given to the saints?

Promise

"Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12.

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." Matt. 16:27.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I long to hear from Thy lips the sweet words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matt. 25:21)

Problem

Dear Lord, does the fact that "the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night" mean Thy coming will be silent, or merely sudden, unexpected?

Promise

"When they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them." 1 Thess. 5:3.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

Prayer

Lord, Thou hast said: "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." (2 Peter 3:14)

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Problem

Dear Lord, after sin is all finished, what will eventually be the home of the saved? Is there a promise for me?

Promise

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5.

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. . . .

"And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

"They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: . . . mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands." Isa. 65:17-22.

"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with

songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isa. 35:10.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor. 6:9, 10.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

My Response

"Come, Lord Jesus." "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." (Rev. 22:20; Ps. 23:6)

Hereafter

Perfection

Problem

Dear Lord, in the hereafter, will all be perfection, joy, happiness, peace, and all that our weary hearts long for here? I need a promise.

Promise

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4.

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

"Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: . . .

"No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon." Isa. 35:5-9.

Hereafter

Perfection

"We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Peter 3:13.

"And there shall be no more curse." Rev. 22:3.

"Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

"Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, [margin: 'That is, My delight is in her.'], and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee." Isa. 62:3-5.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank Thee most of all for Thy promise: "And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." (Rev. 22:4)

A Closing Challenge

Yes, I may
Walk away
From or with
Victory.

Drops of blood
Make it free;
Purchased on
Calvary!

Simple faith
Holds it fast;
And I know
It can last--
Eternally!

--G. A. Coon

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